

### *60th Anniversary Of The 202nd Army Band*

Fleming enlisted in the 202<sup>nd</sup> Band at Ashland on 3 November 1947. He was honorably discharged as a Master Sergeant on 28 August 1952, to accept a commission in the Kentucky National Guard. He was appointed WOJG, Bandmaster, 202<sup>nd</sup> Army Band, on 29 August 1952. He was promoted to CWO-2, on 12 March 1957. Fleming resigned from the Kentucky National Guard on 31 July 1958.



Fleming with Tonight band leader Doc Severinsen in a 1981 concert.



Notice 202<sup>nd</sup> Army Band Tab on the left shoulders of Conley and Clark.

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**William Edward Clark**  
**September 1958 to July 1963**

William Edward Clark was born 15 November 1934 in Prestonsburg, Kentucky. He graduated from Ashland High School in 1951. He was a 1956 graduate of Marshall University. Colonel Clark enlisted the 202<sup>nd</sup> Army Band on 12 September 1952 at Ashland. He resigned to accept the appointment as WOJG in the Kentucky National Guard as bandmaster of the 202<sup>nd</sup> Army Band. On 13 July 1963, he left the 202<sup>nd</sup> Band.

Colonel William E. Clark served for more than 38 years in the United States Army Band Program. From June 1979 until his retirement in June 1991 he was the Commander and Conductor of the internationally famous United States Army Field Band, with the responsibility of supporting Army community relations worldwide. During his 12 years with The Army Field Band, Colonel Clark conducted concerts in all 50 states and nine foreign countries to include the Netherlands, Belgium, France, Germany, Canada, Mexico, Japan, Korea, and India.



Under Colonel Clark's direction, The Field Band produced numerous recordings and public television specials. Additionally, the band participated in a variety of ceremonial events including two Presidential Inaugural Parades, escorting President Ronald Reagan in Normandy for the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of D-Day, the rededication of the Statue of Liberty, the 750<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Berlin, and the opening concert for the Bicentennial of the United States Constitution. Colonel Clark's last performance with The Field Band was a concert at the Kennedy Center commemorating the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of World War II. During his tenure with The Field Band the band received two Army Community Relations Awards and two Superior Unit Awards. On his retirement he was presented the United States Army Distinguished Service Medal.

Colonel Clark hold the honorary title of Conductor Emeritus of The United States Army Field Band and in 1992 received the Distinguished Graduate Alumnus Award from Marshall University. From May 1993 until May 2005, he was the Director of Bands at the University of South Carolina Aiken and the Conductor of the 80-member Aiken Community Band. Colonel Clark completed a DMA degree in conducting at the University of South Carolina in 2002 where he was elected a member of Pi Kappa Lambda. He is currently a member of the American Bandmasters Association, the National Band Association, and the International Military Music

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Society.



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**James Fred Noble**  
**13 July 1963 to 05 Nov 1963**

Born 21 August 1928, Warford, West Virginia.

Enlisted in the Regular Army in May 1946.

Basic training at Ft. McClelland, Alabama, then shipped to Manila P. I. and assigned to the 29<sup>th</sup> Engineer Topo. Battalion. Spending approximately 13 months overseas.

Honorable Discharged in October 1947. Enlisted into the Kentucky National Guard in October 1954 as Private First Class, completed the Basic officer 10 series and was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in October 1955, and assigned to Headquarters Company, 242<sup>nd</sup> Tank Battalion.

Lieutenant Noble assumed command of Headquarters & Headquarters Company, 242<sup>nd</sup> Tank Battalion as interim commander in early 1956 to replacing Captain Wayne Conley who was away in school.

This assignment lasted for nearly one year. When Captain Conley returned, he was then transferred to Platoon leader of the 4.2 Mortar platoon which was TO&E to Headquarters Company.

One of the highlights of his career was being assigned to the 202<sup>nd</sup> Army Band, Kentucky National Guard, as interim commander for the summer ADT at Ft. Knox, July 1963, and continuing until November 1963.

He assumed command of Headquarters Company, 201<sup>st</sup> Engineer Battalion, from 13 December 1963 to 6 October 1966. He was then assigned as the S-4, 201<sup>st</sup> Engineer Battalion for a period until reassignment as the S-3, of the battalion. He was promoted to the rank of Major in 1971.

In 1972, he was assigned to 138<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Group Headquarters stationed at Lexington, Kentucky.

At the same time I was promoted on my civilian job with the Bureau of Prisons and transferred to Alderson, West Virginia. This was a 345 mile drive to drill.

In late December 1973, he was transferred to inactive ready reserve (not by his request). At that time I was promoted again on my civilian job and transferred to El Paso, Texas.

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I enlisted in the Texas National Guard at Texarkana and at his request remained a Sergeant E-5, until his retirement (at highest rank held), 21 August 1988.

Today Major (Ret) Noble resides at Alderson, West Virginia, he will turn 80 on his next birthday.

He is retired from the Federal Prison Service for 29 years.

Recently he was honored by being asked to swear in a new recruit for the local West Virginia National Guard unit. He is honored to have a Grandson graduating West Point in 2008. A son, Major Terry Noble is retired from the West Virginia National Guard.

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**Ronald Keith Ball**  
**July 1963 to May 1968**

Ronald K. Ball was born 25 April 1935, in Ashland, Kentucky.

He enlisted in the Kentucky National Guard's 202<sup>nd</sup> Army Band, on 02 August 1952.

Ball graduated from Ashland Senior High School, in 1953. He is a 1962 graduate of Morehead State University.

He worked as the band director of the Greenup High School, in Greenup, Kentucky.

He was discharged from Kentucky National Guard on 04 November 1963, to accept a WO appointment as the bandmaster of the 202<sup>nd</sup> Army Band.

CW2 Ball resigned from the Kentucky National Guard on 07 June 1968.





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**William Harvey Broughton Jr.  
May 1968 to February 1971**

William H. Broughton Jr. was born 20 September 1932, at Ashland, Kentucky. He was a graduate of Ashland High School and a 1953 graduate of Ashland Junior College.

Broughton enlisted in the Kentucky National Guard on 7 March 1950, as a member of the 202<sup>nd</sup> Army Band. He was discharged from the Kentucky Guard on 10 September 1957, to reenlist in the Regular Army. While on active duty attended 16 week Band Training course at Fort Knox, in 1959. He served with 113<sup>th</sup> Army Band while on active duty.

Reenlisted in the Kentucky National Guard 11 September 1960, with 207<sup>th</sup> Engineer Company. On 26 May 1961, transferred to the 202<sup>nd</sup> Army Band.



Accepted WO commission as Bandmaster of the 202<sup>nd</sup> Band, effective 19 June 1968.

Broughton resigned his commission in 1971, and reenlisted in HHC, 201<sup>st</sup> Engineer Battalion, with the rank of Staff Sergeant. He was honorably discharged from the Kentucky National Guard on 18 May 1974, Ashland, Kentucky.

He died at the age of 56 on 15 June 1989.



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**John M. Hoover**

**February 26, 1971 to January 1997**

Mr. Hoover was born and raised in Louisville, Kentucky and enrolled in the School of Music at the University of Kentucky in 1954. After attending the University for three years, he joined an Army Reserve unit and completed his basic training at Fort Knox, Kentucky. In fulfillment of his 6 month active duty requirement, he was then sent to Fort Dix, N.J. in advanced infantry. After moving to St. Petersburg, Florida in 1959 he joined the 829<sup>th</sup> Station Hospital reserve unit which was ordered to active duty at Fort Polk, LA. for one year. Upon his return from active duty, Mr. Hoover enrolled at the University of Louisville School of Music and attained his bachelor's degree. He then started teaching in the Louisville Public School system until returning to the University of Louisville in 1968, as a full time student, and received his master's degree in 1969. He remained at the University of Louisville as Director of Bands until

1974 when he returned to the public school system of Jefferson County. He retired from teaching in 1993.

In 1971 when the 202d Army Band was moved from Ashland, Ky to Louisville, the Bandmaster position became available. Mr. Hoover was approached concerning this position and upon his acceptance he was commissioned as Warrant Officer and took command. The band was stationed in Louisville but upon Mr. Hoover's request to the Adjutant General, the band was moved to Frankfort where it remains today. Mr. Hoover attained the rank of Chief Warrant Officer 4 and commanded the band for 25 years until his retirement in 1996. To this day, he holds the record of the longest number of years as a commander of a unit in the Kentucky National Guard.

Mr. Hoover now resides in Largo, Florida with his wife, Sandy, and their pets – a dog, cat and a parrot. He has two sons – Brooke and JB. He still enjoys playing the French horn and is currently a member of the St. Petersburg Community Band.





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**Gregory Stepp**  
**January 1997 to Present**

Mr. Stepp holds a Bachelor of Music Education and a Master of Arts in Secondary Education from The University of Kentucky and in addition has received National Board Certification from the National Board For Professional Teaching Standards. A Public School Band Director for 22 years, Mr. Stepp has taught at LaRue County High School, Western Hills High School, Glasgow Independent Schools and is currently at Royal Spring Middle School and Scott County High School.



Mr. Stepp joined the Kentucky Army National Guard in 1995 and served as an enlisted member until his appointment as Commander of the 202<sup>nd</sup> Army Band in Dec. of 1997. Mr. Stepp has attended Warrant Officer Candidate School, Warrant Officer Basic Course and The Warrant Officer Advanced Course. He holds the Army Commendation Medal, The Army Achievement Medal, The Kentucky Merit Ribbon and The Kentucky Commendation Ribbon as well The National Defense Medal and service awards.

Mr. Stepp has been married for 24 years to Lorri and they have two grown young men: Aaron and Nathan.



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**Current and past commanders of the 202<sup>nd</sup> Army Band. L to R: William E. Clark, Robert E. Fleming, Greg Stepp, and Ronald K. Ball**



**Current and past First Sergeants of the 202<sup>nd</sup> Army Band. L to R: Charles D. Adwell, Ron Baker, Edwin Conley, and Sharon Cates.**

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**202<sup>nd</sup> Army Band Locations in Kentucky**

**Lexington.....January 30, 1947 to July 24, 1947**

**Ashland .....July 24, 1947 to September 1, 1970**

**Louisville .....September 1 1970 to August 1, 1972**

**Frankfort .....August 1, 1972 to Present**



**Current Armory of the 202<sup>nd</sup> Band**

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**Annual Training Locations and Dates**

|                                       |           |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|
| Fort Knox, KY                         | 1948-1951 |
| Fort Campbell, KY                     | 1952-1954 |
| Camp Breckinridge, KY                 | 1955-1963 |
| Camp McCoy, Wisconsin                 | 1964      |
| Fort Campbell, KY                     | 1965-1967 |
| Fort Knox, KY                         | 1968-1970 |
| Camp Pickett, Virginia                | 1971      |
| Concert Tour of KY                    | 1972-1977 |
| Camp Shelby, Mississippi              | 1978      |
| Concert Tour of KY                    | 1979-1981 |
| Camp Shelby, Mississippi              | 1982      |
| Concert Tour of KY                    | 1983      |
| Camp Grayling, Michigan               | 1984      |
| Fort Knox, Owensboro & Louisville, KY | 1985      |
| Concert Tour of KY                    | 1986      |
| Fort Stewart, Georgia                 | 1987      |
| Fort Knox, KY                         | 1988      |
| Concert Tour of KY                    | 1989      |
| Fort Benning, Georgia                 | 1990      |
| Year round training (Desert Storm)    | 1991      |
| Fort Knox, KY                         | 1992      |
| Concert Tour of KY                    | 1993      |
| Fort Knox, KY                         | 1994      |
| Santiago, Chile                       | 1995      |



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| Concert Tour of KY                       | 1996 |
| Wendell H. Ford Regional Training Center | 1997 |
| Concert Tour of KY                       | 1998 |
| Concert Tour of KY                       | 1999 |
| Fort Knox, KY                            | 2000 |
| Concert Tour of KY                       | 2001 |
| Fort Knox, KY                            | 2002 |
| Fort Knox, KY                            | 2003 |
| Concert Tour of KY                       | 2004 |
| Fort McPherson, GA                       | 2005 |
| Schofield Army Barracks, Hawaii          | 2006 |
| Concert Tour of KY                       | 2007 |



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**Reflecting Sixty Years of Service to the Nation and the Commonwealth**  
**Photo Gallery of the 202<sup>nd</sup> Army Band**





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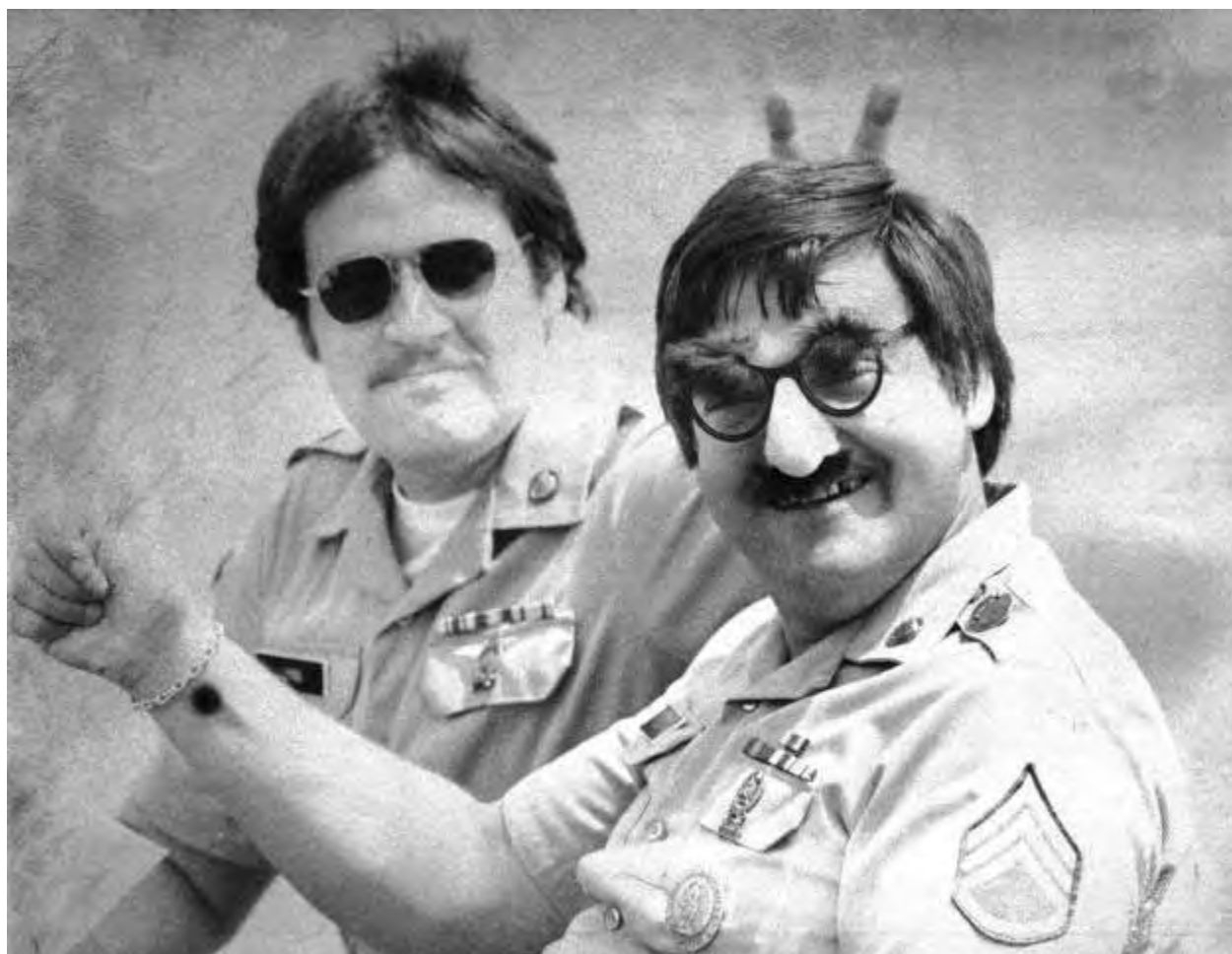
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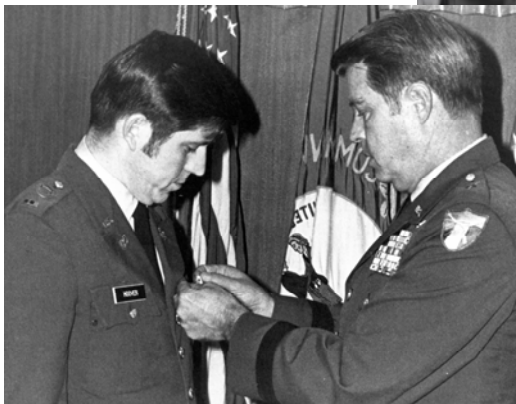




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